

ORDINANCE 20-005

ADOPTING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2020 UPDATE AS APPROVED BY FEMA

WHEREAS, the New Castle County and the Town of Townsend, like all other jurisdictions in the Mid-Atlantic Region, are vulnerable to hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and other natural and technological disasters including pandemics, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction that in the past have or could have caused extensive loss of life and property, and severe disruption to essential human services, and

WHEREAS, the Stafford Act was amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 Section 322 (DMA2K) (P.L. 106-39) which provides approaches to mitigation planning and emphasizes the need for state, local and tribal entities to closely coordinate mitigation planning and implementation efforts as outlined in 44 CFR Part 201; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Townsend regularly interacts with the New Castle County Office of Emergency Management to address hazard planning and mitigation efforts in a collaborative effort; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-110 of the Townsend Code of Ordinances previously adopted the 2010 New Castle County All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Further, that Town Council is authorized to develop a separate set of Hazard Mitigation strategies specific to the unique needs of its constituents, such provisions to be updated and revised by Town Council as needed and to be maintained on file along with the adopted All Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2010.

WHEREAS, led by the Office of Emergency Management, the NCC Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee comprised of County, Local Municipal, State, and Private sector participants completed a review and revision of the 2020 Plan for submission to FEMA for approval; and

WHEREAS, the entire 2020 Update was revised utilizing internal County resources with the Office of Emergency Management, the Land Use Department's Geographic Information System Section, the Municipality Managers, and consultation with University of Delaware's Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Update involved multiple levels of review and input, including integration of Comprehensive Land Use Plans, Climate Adaptation Plans, and Vulnerability Assessments; meeting with each municipality individually, briefing the County Council Executive Committee, and presenting at the NCC Planning Board Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, compliance with the mitigation plan requirements as determined by the DEMA and FEMA Region 3 review and approval, will position New Castle County and its municipalities to receive pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding and disaster assistance funding.

NOW AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND, Delaware on May 6, 2020, that Town Council of the Town of Townsend does hereby adopt the 2020 update of the “New Castle County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan.”

In addition, Section 2-110 of the Town of Townsend Code of Ordinances is revised to reflect the adoption of the revised New Castle County All Hazard Mitigation plan by replacing the term 2010 with the year 2020.

The Town Clerk is to provide for three copies of this plan to be on file on the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Townsend, being marked and designated as the New Castle County All Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2020.

TOWN OF TOWNSEND

Thomas McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anthony S. Mangeri, Town Manager

Vote of Council	Yea	Na	Abs
Mayor T. McDonald			
CM E. Dugan			
CM P. Miller			
CM S. Lobdell			
CM J. Mertz			

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance adopting the 2020 Plan approved by FEMA will provide Town of Townsend the ability to apply for Disaster Assistance and Disaster Mitigation Grants.